ed Jaffa at 3:15 A. M. At 1:30 A. M.

clear block for No. 24, which Operator nellie, of Danville, gave to operator infla, and No. 84 passed Jarfa at A. M. striking No. 82 riving at cometery the train stopped the conductor got off caloose and Flagman Mull to go back with his als and protect against No. 34, while are down to the passenger station telephoned across the river to secure was room for his train on the rolls side.

### BURNED TRACT VAST TERRITORY

Special Committee of San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Calculates Fire Loss.

SAN FRANCISCO, Doc. 8.-The repor of the special committee of the board of naurance settlements after the big fire h has just been published, says:

total area burned was about 3,000 about 4.7 square miles, contain-blocks and about 25,000 buildings. acres, or about 4.7 square miles, contain-One-half of these were residences.

"The amount of insurance covering proximately \$235,000,000 (estimated). All of his had been written by companies an cept \$6,000,000, which had been placed outde of the State in some 100 companies troyed in the tire must have been about 0,000, being an estimate upon the in-

### HEAVY CUTTING DELAYS RAILWAY

A Colored Woman the Mother of Twenty-Nine Children.

ighty-six mile post, a deep out and ankment having held them at that the past month. This obstruction

### HIGHWAYMAN HELD.

Arthur Williams Turned Over to Henrico Officials Yesterday.

### FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS.

Dr. W. R. L. Smith to Make Adiress This Afternoon.

## Liver and Kidneys

The great alterative and traile.
Hood's Sarsaparilla

"Berry's for Clothes."

"BE WISE-CONTRIBUTE TO HIS COMFORT."



that the block operations is a skinnelli, and that the preceding in block before giving a following train. This alone, require that a flagman mediately and protect rain with a red latter, see and the latter was as the flagman was raboose of the train he is protect.

ST. NICHOLAS is a game driver.

He's driving us sli to get thru this holiday business—before the 25th.

You can't find a more convenient place for shopping if you want common sense presents with a dash of luxury.

Magnificent designs in silk, satins and brocades for neckwear.

Vestings, Hose, Handker—chiefs, Mufflers, Pajamas—all packed in fancy boxes ready for the Xmas tree.

We've everything for the tra-

veler but his ticket.
See our holiday lines of Club
Bags, Suit Cases, Traveling
Cases, Shaving Sets, &c.
You will find the shortest
way to a man's heart-here.





monsense woolens.

plain, comfortable flanneis,

Prices from \$8 to \$25.

\$5 to \$20.

\$3.50 to \$20.

"Berry's for Clothes."

Public-Spirited Men Are Advocating Consolidation of the Cities.

### A PROMINENT CITIZEN TALKS

Death of Mr. Stanley Ford-In the Churches-Personals and Briefs.

### What One Man Thinks,

### He Shot a "Natural."

gives these organs vigor and tone for the proper performance of their functions, and cures all their ordinary allments.

Take it.

The was said at the station-noise that it was a knew stroke—eleven crap-shoot-proper performance of their functions, and cures all their ordinary allments.

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Miniature Almanac.

December 9, 1805.

High rises... 7:15

Sun sets... 4:50

Moon rises... 12:00

Evening... 19:30

of the cleven, as he passed out of the

Mr. Ford Dead.

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Mr. Stanley F. Ford, 24 years of age, and a very well known young man of the city, died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at his home. No. 1719 Pocahontae Street. He is survived by his wife and two small children. He was a member of taberty. Council No. 12, Jr. O. U. A. M., and was very popular with all who knew him. The fineral will take place from the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will be in Maury Cemetery.

Miss Jennie Lewis, the talented singer of the city, will give an entertainment for charity in Leader Hall to-morrow night. The Eagles' Band will furnish music for

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"Drifting" will be the amplect of Rev. Dr. E. V. Baldy, in isabbridge Street Baptist Caurch this morning. At night his theme will be "The Magnanimity of a Man of God."

Personals and Briefs.

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appropriate of No. 1204 McDonough Street,
who has been ill with typhoid fever, is
appropriate.

### THE WEATHER

Conditions Yesterday. 

Thermometer This Day Last Year

Conditions in Important Cities.

Place Ther High T Weather Augusta 59 68 Chear Atlanta, Ga 58 66 Chear

Shoppers Throng the Streets, Making Purchases for the Holidays.

WINDOWS' SPLENDID DISPLAY

Shopgirls Beginning to Grow House Coats in velvet, in silk Weary of the Day's Long brocades, and in good com-Travail.

Christmas is in the air, and visions of House Gowns in rich, re-Santa Claus are already floating before splendent materials and in the mind of the young boy and girl whose childish faith in that world-famoush personage has not yet been do Bath Gowns, Smoking Jackets, Dressing Gowns, everything for man's comfort and relaxation. stroyed by the acepticism of age. There is nothing like it, this simple faith of childhood in the beings of fairyland, among whom Old Santa, with his flowing white beard and his fur clothes, stands as the supreme entity. For near two thousand years, ever since the Saviour was cradled in a stall at lethichem, he has been the dream and delight of the child of every race and croed, and he will be as long as Christianity is the great faith of the world.

st the tired mother would have to them to where the toys were on a function for where the toys were on a function force that the little ones dragged away, with the promise Santa Claus would be coming soon.

Scenes in the Street.

The horse belonged to the Billey livery stable. It was badly scared, and before it could be stopped the buggy had been weeked.

The police were notified of the occurrence, and orders have been issued to pick up every boy found firing crackers on the acrowd has little thought for other. A woman would meet a said, and there was nothing to do but pright in the middle of the pavent to tell the gossip cach had heard as supposed to the Billey livery stable. It was badly scared, and before it could be stopped the buggy had been weeked.

The police were notified of the occurrence, and orders have been issued to shoot them only on Christmas Day.

Strong to and fro incessantly.

IDDGE HANCKEL

NORFOLK, Dec. 1 (Special) Indge Hanckel to day affirmed the fine of \$20 and the case of W. D. Sunders, convicted of living Capital W. Dev by the public carron and distribution of a street estimater, said they could her baby? If some one care-issly happens to have a baby-triage, she plants it squarely in the nite of the pavement. What's all the nite of the pavement. What's all the first of the pavement. What's all the first of the pavement. What's all the street of the pavement which buby lies comfortably, there is an angry look and a muttered re-evoach.

But still it is a merry crowd, for the thought of Christmas makes every one has does not harbor long a street company where a company where a crowd of people coming from a regulate were forced to transfer after having gotten on a wronn of the pavement of Christmas makes every one thought of Christmas makes every one of the pavement of Christmas makes every one thought of Christmas makes every one the case of th

an abgry look and revealed. But still it is a merry crowd, for the lineart of Christmas makes every one looking, and one does not harbor long a radge against the person who stepped onfeelingly on one's loes. If one is jostled, there is immediately a smile and an apoleoxy. Christmas is a splendid antidote for the petty faults and weaknesses of humanity.

manity.

Until the stores closed, a steady stream of people surged up and down the streets. It is like the tide of the sea, slow but resistless, and the ebb will come only when the New Year dawns on a world that is much the same as it was some fundred years ago, and that will be but little changed a hundred centuries hence—so far as the human heart is concerned.

Brooks, counsel for the accused, will Monday submit additional authority with the hepe of securing a new trial for the prisoner.

CANNOT REINSURE.

Tazewell People Indignant at Treatment of Insurance Company [special to the Times-Dispatch.]

# ARE YOUR KIDNEYS WEAK? RANDOLPH-N

Thousands of Men and Women Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It.

To Prove What the Great Kidney Remedy, Swamp Root, Will Do for YOU, Every Reader of The Times-Dispatch May Have a Sample Bottle Sent Absolutely Free by Mail.

If you are sick or "feet badly," begin taking the great kidney remear, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as seen as your kidneys begin to get better they will help ad the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone,

### Didn't Know I Had Kidney Trouble.

Gratefully yours.

MRS. A. L. WALKER, 331 East Linden St.

### How to Find Out

EDITORIAL NOTICE -80 8

# CATHOLICS OBSERVE

Pontifical High Mass Celebrated at Cathedral of Sacred Heart Yesterday Morning.

The Feast of the Immaculate Concep-on, one of the holy days of obligation a le Catholic Church, was observed yes-rday in Sacrey Heart Cathedral on I Catholic churches in the city sets

# PHYSICIAN HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

Exploding Popcrackers Caused Runaway, But Nobody Was Hurt.

TAZENELL VA. December &-A mes-

Big Gathering of Former Students to Be Held in Richmond This Week.

### **BANQUET AT WESTMORELAND**

Governor, Swanson Will Preside and Deliver Address-Dr. Evans Toastmaster.

The loyal and enthusiastic spirit of aima mater will be much in evidence that week, when the alumni of Randolph Macon College will gather in Richmond to resume all acquaintance and to gather around the restive board. A number of the

The Toasts. Lir. W. E. Evans, of Monumental b, has arranged a series of toasts

as follows:
"A statesman, yet friend to Truth"—
His Excellency, the Governor of Virgin'a,
Hon. Claude A. Swanson.
"Whence is thy learning? Hath thy toil
O'er books consume the midnight oil?"

"What constitutes a State?"-Prof. W. 12. Dodd, A. M., Ph. D.
"Thou god of our idolatry-the Press"-Mr. Arthur H. Taylor.
Speakers after the Governor limited to

### FINED HEAVILY.

Officers of Stonewall Club Pay 2:00 Each.

Miss Mary Custs Lee, of Alexandria, in the city, and is stopping at the

Last Coupon

## The Times-Dispatch Great Contest For School-Room Decoration.

Contest Closes 5 VOTES Midnight Dec. 22d

SWAMP-ROOT

DR. KILMER & CO.,

Name of School Building .....

Orphans' Song Service.

Name of Person Voting .....

Street and Number ..... Fill out this coupon with pen, pencil or rubber stamp and mail or bring it promptly with others you may have to School Contest, Room 8, Times Building, Richmond. If there is a tie vote for any collection, a duplicate collection

LAST COUPON, DECEMBER 20TH. Coupons must reach Times-Dispatch on or before SATURDAY DECEM-22d. The only exception to this rule will be coupons sent through the mail arriving before noon, Monday, December 24th. Announcement of the result will be made in the Times-Dispatch on Christmas morning.

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